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Re: Docket No. H-122

I realize the lateness of this communication relative to the subject, but want to let you know that I am in **opposition** to the new workplace smoking regulations you have under consideration: Docket No. H-122. I find **the current designated smoking and non-smoking areas** which have been established in my workplace to be satisfactory to both the smokers and the non-smokers.

I understand and agree that separating smokers from nonsmokers will reduce the nonsmoker's exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS). Several research studies I have read indicate that a non-smoker would have to spend hundreds of hours in the nonsmoking section of a restaurant to be exposed to the nicotine equivalent of even one cigarette.


Secondly, environmental studies indicate that only 2 to 5 percent of the so called "sick buildings" investigated in the U.S. and Canada were found to have indoor air quality problems in any way attributable to tobacco smoke. I was interested to note that the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the U.S., and Canadian health officials, report that more than half of the problems involving **indoor air quality** are simply the result of **poor ventilation**.

In my personal experience, the overwhelming majority of adult smokers and nonsmokers already coexist peacefully in (and out of) the workplace. My workplace has numerous smokers, and **all** of us believe it is unnecessary to ask our business to build enclosed rooms with special and costly ventilation.

We respect one another's rights to their taste in music, to eat foods with lots of garlic, their lighting preferences, and to wear their choice of perfumes or aftershaves. We also respect the right of those who choose to smoke to do so, particularly as they are courteous enough to be conscious of when and where they do it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,



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